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TAGS: OCON, SENV, TECH, JA, US
SUBJECT: PROPOSED US/ JAPAN MEETING ON PHOTOCHEMICAL SMOG

REF: A) STATE 52344, B) GREEN TO HIATT MARCH 15 LETTER

1. TO AVOID LOCAL SCHEDULE CONFLICT JAPANESE SIDE REQUESTS SUBJECT MEETIN CONVENE 8 JUNE INSTEAD 7 JUNE. FINAL SESSION WOULD BE HELD AFTERNOON 14 JUNE. FIELD TRIPS SCHEDULED 9 AND 13 JUNE. REQUEST US CONCURRENCE OR ALTERNATIVE VIEW ASAP.

2. JAPANESE SIDE ACCEPTS AGENDA WITHOUT SUBSTANTIVE CHANGE. THEY ALSO AGREE IT PREMATURE TO DISCUSS CONTROL MEASURES, BUT FOR DOMESTIC PUBLIC RELATIONS VALUE THEY WISH TO INTRODUCE BRIEFLY TREATMENT OF HEALTH PROBLEMS CAUSED BY PHOTOCHEMICAL SMOG UNDER AGENDA III. FYI: THEY WILL PRESENT NO PAPERS ON THIS SUBJECT, AND DO NOT DESIRE SUBJECT HIGHLIGHTED BY SEPARATE AGENDA ITEM. BUT THEY WANT TO INFORM PRESS THAT POSITIVE ACTIONS WERE DISCUSSED BEYOND MERE RECOGNITION PROBLEM EXISTED. END FYI.

3. JAPANESE SIDE PLANS TO SUPPLY ENGLISH VERSIONS THEIR PAPERS
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BY 8 MAY AS PROPOSED REF B, EXCEPT FOR AGENDA III FOR WHICH THEY BELIEVE PAPERS UNNECESSARY. THEY ALSO AGREE WITH REF B SUGGESTIONS RE MEETING FORMAT AND ALLOCATION TIME, AND SUGGEST PAPERS BE SUMMARIZED IN TEN MINUTES, FOLLOWED BY CONSECUTIVE TRANSLATION, AND 30 TO 40 MINUTES FOR DISCUSSION.

4. RE PRESS COVERAGE, JAPANESE SIDE PREFERS SIMULTANEOUS TOKYO-WASHDC ANNOUNCEMENT IN MID- APRIL WHICH WOULD INCLUDE AGENDA AND NAMES OF DELEGATES. REQUEST EPA CONCURRENCE OR ALTERNATE VIEW ASAP. FYI: THEY PLAN EARLIER ANNOUNCEMENT GIVING BARE MINIMUM OF MEETING NOTICE AND DATES. HOWEVER, THEY HOPE TO MAXIMIZE PRESS IMPACT AT ABOVE SIMULTANEOUS RELEASE OF PROGRAM DETAILS THRU THEIR REGULAR TOKYO PRESS CONTACTS. END FYI.

5. POST POUCHING PROPOSED MEETING SCHEDULE AND NAMES OF THOSE JAPANESE DELEGATES ALREADY SELECTED. DR. SOROKU YAMAGATA, DIRECTOR OF EA' S AIR QUALITY BUREAU, WILL PROBABLY HEAD DELEGATION WHICH EXPECTED TO HAVE 10 MEMBRS. THEY HOPE US DELEGATION WILL BE LED BY COMPARABLE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICIAL. ABOUT 25 OBSERVERS ALSO EXPECTED TO ATTEND.

6. POST WOULD APPRECIATE NAMES OF DELEGATES AND ACCOMPANYING SPOUSES, AS WELL AS INFO ON HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS DESIRED AND

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